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Thank you for providing this opportunity to submit written support on the proposed House Bill 7366.

My name is Bill Freeman. I moved to CT in 1989 and for the past 30 years I have owned and operated my company as a housing developer and builder. I have embraced, since its inception, the Energy Star program and, as of 2014, I have incorporated the Passive House standard and the Department of Energy's Zero Ready program into all homes. Our firm has seen firsthand the impact of energy efficient building practices in both the health, comfort and greatly reduced utility costs for the homeowner and the long term resiliency of the buildings. As the proud winners of the 2016 CT Zero Energy Challenge for a zero energy passive home we built in Guilford, the results speak for themselves.

As a developer of over 800 units of Connecticut housing throughout the last 30 years, I know the importance of remaining viable as a company. I also know that viability is anchored on the quality of the finished home. By continuing to encourage the implementation of High Performance Building Design, Connecticut will remain among the leaders in providing healthy, comfortable, affordable and resilient housing throughout the state.

I strongly support HB 7366 – AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION. Taking this action will align with the state's recently adopted benchmarks for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in S.B. 7: an Act Concerning Climate Change Planning & Resiliency along with the 2018 Comprehensive Energy Strategy and our ambitious state housing goals.

As a recipient of the 2017 CT Green Building Council Judy Swann Green Advocate Award, I am committed to a cleaner, healthier, more resilient, '80 x 50' carbon-free future and I urge the passing of HB 7366 to continue Connecticut's leadership and commitment to sustainable construction and design.

With sincerity,

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